

**REMARKS**

Claims 19, 27, and 29-49 are pending of which two are independent, namely claims 27 and 49.

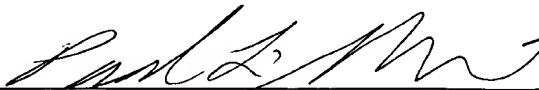
In the Amendment dated October 10, 2000, Applicants inadvertently underlined a part of claim 27 that was being deleted (*i.e.* the part "for coating a metal substrate,"). For clarity, Applicants therefore reiterated claim 27 as it is believed to be pending after entry of the Amendment dated October 10, 2000.

In the Advisory Action dated October 20, 2000, the Examiner noted that EP 0,801,041 to Szum *et al.* teaches compositions comprising monofunctional and polyfunctional diluents. Applicants, however, respectfully submit that this reference lacks sufficient disclosure to teach compositions comprising one or more monofunctional diluents, one or more polyfunctional diluents, and an acrylate functional urethane oligomer having a hydrocarbon backbone.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. If any questions remain, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned attorney to expedite the prosecution of this application.

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